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A NATION OF HOMEOWNERS.

Twenty century returns show that 6,000,000 American families own their homes. There are more homeowners in the United States than in any other country.

Here we find the reason for the stability of bourgeois agitators to make any headway in this country and for the general deterioration in which communistic doctrines are held. The man who owns his home, or expects to own one, does not take kindly to dangerous experiments in government and economics. He is not willing to take the risk of losing his property.

It would be ideal if every family could own its dwelling. The crowding of people into tenements or apartments at the expense of health and sanitation would then cease to be a civic problem, and there would be no profiteering by landlords.

The owning of homes makes for good citizenship. He who holds title to the property on which he resides takes more interest in the betterment of the community than the one who lives in a rented dwelling. The former is anchored; while the latter is periodically confronted with the possibility of having to move in every way possible encouragement should be given those who suffer from the housing shortage to build their own homes. It would be a happy state of affairs if the great majority of the new homes should be erected by persons who proposed to live in them rather than by those who intended to offer them for rent.

HALCYON DAYS IN VENEZUELA.

The people of Venezuela are to be congratulated. Their minister of foreign relations, now visiting in the United States, says that country more nearly resembles Utopia than any other in the world today. There is contentment among all classes. Labor troubles, high cost of living, bolshevism and high taxes are unknown there. Venezuela did not participate in the war, and prospered greatly while the other nations were fighting. The national income has almost doubled since 1914 and the national debt has been wiped out.

Those of us who feel that the world war was a struggle to save civilization may have just a little less respect for Venezuela for holding aloof from it. We would think more highly of her if she had declared war against Germany, as so many of her Latin-American neighbors did, or had at least expressed condemnation of Germany's course by severing diplomatic relations. However, this is not to be interpreted as indicating that Venezuela's peace and prosperity are begrudged her.

One is gratified that that country has made so complete a recovery from the economic and political maladies from which it was suffering 15 or 20 years ago, when Cipriano Castro was in his heyday. It is to be hoped that Venezuela's present peace and prosperity are built on a foundation which guarantees their permanence.

THE OLD COUNTRY FAIR.

What has become of the old-fashioned county fair with its floral hall and half-mile track and the big bell in the judges' stand and the balloon ascension?

And the popcorn stands!

And the lemonade booths!

And the horse races, where every horse was to be a winner. And the foot races.

And you stood around watching them fill the balloon with hot air, the stove pipe sticking out of the ground, and you thought they never would get it full so you could see the man go up. And after a while the big black thing that looked like a cyclone out in Kansas began to wrinkle outward and to sway in the gentle fall breeze and a man came out of a little tent with tights on and the sun shone on them and he looked like clusters of diamonds, and you wished you were he. And the balloon went up, only there was no parachute and you never knew how he was coming down. And you felt sorry for him when he read in the paper that he fell on a roof next time he went up and was killed.

Can you picture all this, you who have come to the sun-baked desert from "back there"? Isn't there just a hint of homesickness for the old farm back in the east when you remember the expectancy with which you looked forward to the coming of the annual county fair?

TRIAL OF WAR FIENDS.

While some of the men higher up in German war atrocities may escape, still it is a distinct gain for civilization that some of the offenders are being placed on trial at Leipzig. It shows that the Germans understand that if they do not do something in the direction of justice they will add to their troubles.

Testimony given against German officers in charge of certain prison camps is of a character that it is certain makes it out of the question for the Leipzig court to attempt whitewash verdicts. Many witnesses tell of the slapping of dying men and the terrible neglect of other sick. Some of the prisoners were driven insane by the treatment they received. It is stated that the testimony has had such effect upon the German judges as to cause the latter to be accused of partiality for the British complainants. When the "Galt Strafe England" cry of war times is recalled, the report of partiality may be hard to believe. On reflection, however, it will be seen that it would be but common sense for the representatives of the new German government, in their efforts to recover standing for their country, at least to seem shocked by the crimes described. It follows that, on conviction, sentences bearing some semblance of justice will have to be applied.

S. D. PRISON NOW PUBLISHES ITS OWN NEWSPAPER

St. Louis Falls, S. D., May 31.—The publication of a prison newspaper, The Messenger, with the "Golden Rule" as its motto, published and edited by the prisoners at the South Dakota penitentiary here, is the latest plan of Warden George Jameson to "make men, rather than ex-convicts, out of inmates."

H. O. Prince, of North Carolina, who is serving a term for check forgery, is editor of the publication, which is issued monthly. An editorial in the paper says: "When a man is sent to prison, he is socially dead. He is, however, still a man, capable of the likes and dislikes in the same way as those outside. He will respond as quickly as anyone to the treatment he receives, whether that treatment is for his interest or against it. The trials, shams and false pride and the thousands of other little arts of deceit are struck away in prison. His character is laid ready for the work of development to go forward or backward. When a man leaves prison it depends largely upon what prison treatment has done for him whether he is a man or just an ex-convict."

"Our mission is to represent the man inside, in having justice done, to help the world to realize that much valuable manhood can be reclaimed from the 'scrap heap' by simply recognizing him as a man, instead of withholding him the chance to make good, which is his birthright."

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OBSERVATIONS

A Kentucky jury has decided that a mule cannot have rheumatism. There were plenty of witnesses to swear, undoubtedly, that the one they had in mind couldn't have had.

Dempsey is said to lack sparring partners, but most persons out of work are not looking for that kind of employment.

An Ohio man claims 1000 acres in lower New York, including Wall street. There is not much that Ohio men do not claim, however.

The husband who could not keep his wife in nights should have the sympathy of a lot of women who suffer similarly but not from the same cause.

While the constitution guarantees a man's right to pursue happiness, it does not give him any protection against vamps.

LORD ROBERT INNES-KER



Recent photograph of Lord Robert Innes-Ker, who has married Jose Collins, an English musical comedy star.

An Ohio man has attempted suicide eight times. The thing will be the death of him yet.

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